

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0030] with the following amended paragraph:

[0030] Fig. 2 schematically illustrates that the controller 200 may be communicatively connected to the control panel 124, the display 128, the card reader 130, the lottery play slip or ticket reader 132 and the lottery ticket printer 133. The controller 200 may further be communicatively connected to a network interface card (NIC) or device 210, a currency input device 212 including a currency input link 214, and a light and speaker link 216. The network interface card 210 may be configured to allow the lottery terminal unit 104 to communicate information with other networked devices similarly connected to the network 110 using any ~~new~~ known protocol or standard suitable for a lottery or network application. The current input device 212 may be any kind of value input device discussed above, or may include a currency input link 214 communicatively connected to a cash register (not shown) or other device for tracking and/or totaling currency or transactions. The light and speaker link 214 may be used to integrate visual and/or audio displays into the design of the lottery terminal unit 104.

Please replace paragraph [0031] with the following amended paragraph:

[0031] Fig. 2 illustrates the components 124, 128-132, and 210-218 directly connected to the I/O bus 208 via dedicated circuits or conductors. However, it will be understood that different connections schemes may be used. For example, some of the components requiring limited communications with the controller 200 may be ~~communicate~~ communicated via an auxiliary I/O bus (not shown) in a scheduled manner, while other components requiring fast communications or large data transfers may be directly connected to the I/O bus 208. Furthermore, depending on the needs of the system, some of the components may be directly connected to the microprocessor 184 without having to pass through the I/O bus 208.

Please replace paragraph [0032] with the following amended paragraph:

[0032] Regardless of the configuration or layout of the lottery system 100, it may often be the case that the lottery terminal unit 104, 116 will include lottery play slip slips or

ticket readers 132 which may be used to scan an instant game ticket or a lottery play slip 300 (Fig. 3), which may, for example, be a play slip for a Keno game, completed by the player, and a lottery ticket 302 (Fig. 4), which may be, for example, a Keno game lottery ticket, previously generated at a lottery ticket printer 133, to determine whether the ticket contains a winning combination. The lottery play slip 300 and the lottery ticket 302 may be composed of paper, Mylar, cardboard or any other suitable printable or encodable material. The lottery play slip 300 and ticket 302 may include informational, instructional or security information such as a bar code, award details, authentication numbers, or any other desired information. Further, it will be understood that different ticket types and formats may be used depending on the theme, format and rules of the game. The lottery ticket 302 may be printed with any optically readable material such as ink, or encoded with data on a magnetic material, smart chip or other media for encoding data.

Please replace paragraph [0057] with the following paragraph:

[0057] As previously discussed, in progressive lotteries, progressive jackpots are ~~award~~ awarded to players matching all the ~~number~~ numbers drawn from a predetermined range or ranges, and players matching some but fewer than all the drawn numbers, such as matching five, four and three numbers, may be awarded payout amounts based on a predetermined payable. If no players match all the drawn numbers, the progressive jackpot may roll over to the next drawing, and the progressive jackpot may grow to tens or hundreds of million dollars. In large progressive lotteries, such as Cash Lotto-type games, the jackpot may be ~~award~~ awarded to players matching all the drawn numbers or, if no player matches all the drawn numbers, revert to the lottery sponsor, and players matching some but fewer than all the drawn numbers, such as matching five, four and three numbers, may be awarded payout amounts based on a predetermined payable. As an alternative, methods are contemplated for distributing large progressive and/or non-progressive lottery jackpots among groups of otherwise non-winning players, or players winning small prizes for the lottery games.